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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steinberg in view of Sun and over Murase in view of Sun. In respect of claim 7, Steinberg teaches that a PCMCIA card can be removed from a camera and inserted into a computer for printing of images stored on the PCMCIA card. The present invention teaches that a printing device can be included in an image capture device such as a camera, for printing of images to which an effect has been applied by way of an image effect program stored on a printed card. The present invention therefore teaches a self contained system in which images can be immediately captured, processed to include an effect and printed without requiring additional devices. The combined cited prior art provides no teaching of this system. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the limitations of claim 7, namely that the method includes printing the image. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that each of the method steps are performed within the image capture device.

In light of these amendments, the Applicant contends that claim 1 and its dependent claims are novel and inventive over the cited prior art and that the application is in order for allowance. Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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